Shortage of Potable water in Kailashpuri and Indira Park Colonies

3881. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether resident of Kailashpuri and Indira Park colonies in Palam area are facing an acute shortage of potable water;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ganga water has been made available upto chhoti pulia (small bridge) in Indira Park, but the water line has not been extended further to the areas of Kailashpuri and Indira Park colonies, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government have taken/proposed to take to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir. In Kailashpuri and Indira Park colonies water is being supplied through tubewells.

(b) and (c) To improve the supply of filtered water to these areas, a pipe line has already been laid upto Sagarpur (Small bridge). Delhi Water Supply & Sewerage Undertaking has informed that work order for further extension of this pipe line has also been issued and the work is likely to be completed by the end of October, 1996.

Insurance Claim on Transit Losses of Crude Oil

3882. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of transit losses, onshore and off-shoure in respect of imported and domestic crude oil, during the last three years;

(b) whether transit losses are covered by insurance;

(c) if so, the insurance claims made during the last three years on imported and indigenous crude oil, separately; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table on the House.

Planning Commission's Recommendation to cut Defficit

3883. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Economic Times of the 7th June, 1996 under the caption "cut deficit slow and steady", says plan Panel;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Planning Commission in this regard; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The fiscal deficit has come down from 8.3% of Gross Domestic Product in 1990-91 to 5.9% in the revised estimates of 1995-96. The Common Minimum Programme of the United Front Government has indicated the need to bring it down to below 4% of GDP.

Cancellation of Allotments under Quotas

3884. DR. RANBIR SINGH
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1909 given in the Rajya Sabha on the Ist August, 1996 and State:

(a) the details of quotas abolished, Ministry-wise;

(b) whether the Rail reservation quota of the Ministry is still in operation;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 20,000 LPG priority vouchers have been issued and about 10,000 telephone connections have been alloted on priority basis during July and August, 1996 under the discretaionary quota;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to cancel such allotments in view of abolition of quotas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SH. YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Government have decided to abolish all discretionary quotas hitherto enjoyed by the Ministers in all the Ministries/ Departments., The details of quotas abolished, Ministry-wise, are being collected and will be laid of the Table of House.

(b) The emergency quota and other quotas which are basically meant to meet the urgent travel requirement of VIPs and other persons who are required to undertake the journey at short notice continue. These are generally controlled by gazetted officers.

(c) to (e) The Honourable Member is, perhaps referring to the telephone connections and LPG priority vouchers which can be released on the basis of the recommendations made by the Members of Parliament. The number of telephone connections released under the MP's quota during the months of July and August, 1996 on out-of-turn basis is 4170. 25 priority LPG vouchers can be issued each quarter by the Members of Parliament who can made the releases according to their discretion. The Government have not taken any decision with regard to the abolition of discretionary quotas except in the case of Ministers.

Budgetary Allocations for Rural Sector and Agriculture

3885. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The funds earmarked on priority basis in the current year's Budget for rural sector and agriculture sector;

(b) the percentage of the total budget allocated for the purpose;

(c) whether any priority areas have been identified so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) The funds earmarked for the Plan Expenditure under the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment for the year 1996-97 amount to Rs. 8692 crore. The sector-
wise break-up and its percentage to the Plan allocation of the Ministry is as follows:—

S.No.	Sector	Outlay	Percentage to the total outlay
1.	Rural Development	5388.75	62.00
2.	Agriculture & Allied	7.25	0.08
3.	Social Services	3296.00	37.92
	Total:	8692.00	100.00